Continued Massacres of Christians in Nigeria Ensured by Citizen Disarmament

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It's not that Nigeria is "anti-gun." They're just particular about who they "allow" to have them. (Nigeria National Portal Page/Facebook)

"A never-ending massacre of Christians being 'killed for sport' is reportedly happening in Nigeria, yet the world appears to be largely deaf to the matter," *Fox News* reported Saturday. "More than 52,000 Christians 'have been butchered or hacked to death for being Christians' since 2009 in Nigeria, according to Intersociety, a civil society group based in Onitsha."

"Christians are killed for sport, especially Christian children," Rev. Johnnie Moore, a former commissioner for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and president of the Congress of Christian Leaders told *Fox*. "Entire villages are burnt and pillaged. Thousands of churches have been destroyed. Children and women are hunted.

Hunted and killed by whom?

"Nigeria, which is Africa's most populous country with 206 million people, has grappled for over a decade with an insurgency in the northeast by Islamic extremist rebels of Boko Haram and its offshoot, the Islamic State West Africa Province," *The Hill* reported in 2022. "The extremists, who have killed more than 35,000 people by a U.N. count, are fighting to establish Shariah law and to stop Western education."

How can they do that, with Christians estimated in the *Fox News* report to "represent 46% of Nigeria's population"?

Easy. The "law-abiding" are disarmed by law.

"In Nigeria, the right to private gun ownership is not guaranteed by law," GunPolicy.org documented [Note the link goes to the Internet Archive, as the site has closed down due to lack of funding.] For those not familiar with that resource, it was a project of the Sydney School of Public Health, and while of a decidedly anti-gun bent, nonetheless provided instructive and useful compilations of gun laws from around the globe.

"[C]ivilians are not allowed to possess machine-guns, military rifles and handguns ... private possession of semi-automatic assault weapons [and] private possession of handguns (pistols and revolvers) is prohibited," the site advised. Add to that licensing, background checks and registration for what they are allowed to own, a prohibition on concealed carry, and stiff criminal penalties for gun law violations, and Nigeria is one of those places where not only are the "law-abiding" at an extreme disadvantage but also a place that has enacted many of the same "commonsense gun safety laws" the Democrats are now furiously trying to impose on Americans.



"Commonsense gun safety laws" in action... (Nigeria National Portal Page/Facebook)

A more recent synopsis of Nigerian gun laws was posted in a 2023 "Overview of Gun Regulation in Nigeria," which offers a cognitively dissonant "solution": Amend Nigeria's Firearms Act to "enunciate... the right to kill in defense of oneself or in defense of one's family or property," while simultaneously advocating "further restrict people from legal access to firearms [and] reduc[e] the circulation of firearms in the country, which will in turn save lives."

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The fraudulently-named Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence recently reissued its "Annual Gun Law Scorecard®" (good grief, they've registered it like it has some value), where it rates states from A to F based on how many ridiculous infringements that actually prevent defensive options their (mostly) Democrat co-prohibitionists impose under force of arms. They ought to expand it to rate countries "with strong gun laws." Nigeria would get an "A++."

And yes, "the world *does* appear to be largely deaf" to the massacre, which is curious, especially since it is blacks being slaughtered wholesale. You'd think Giffords and fellow gun-grab groups that rely so strongly on urban members of color, along with black vote panderers Joe Biden and the Democrats, race hustlers like Al Sharpton and the NAACP, and the Council on Islamic American Relations would be all over this, but they're apparently too busy portraying non-leftist white people as racists and trying to impose Nigerian-style citizen disarmament on all.

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